

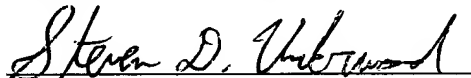
REMARKS

These Remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005. Claims 1-6, 24-25, 30, 34, and 39 are now pending in this application. Claims 7-23, 26-29, 31-33, 35-38, and 40-50 have been withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office divided claims 1-50 into six groups, each group of claims allegedly directed to a different invention. Although Applicants disagree with the reasoning in the Office Action (as best understood),¹ in order to advance prosecution of the application all claims except those in Group 1 have been withdrawn. Group 1 is hereby elected.

No fee (other than the extension fee authorized above) is believed due with this response. However, if any other fee is due, please charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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¹ In particular, Applicants disagree with the assertion that a separate search is required for each group of claims.